

Honoring Our Service Members On "American Legion Day"

Earlier this month, the U.S. Senate passed my resolution to designate today, September 16, 2009, as "The American Legion Day."

I am proud and thankful of the American Legion and its continued efforts on behalf of our men and women in uniform, our veterans, and their families. Since being presented with its federal charter on September 16, 1919, the American Legion has been a tremendous advocate and driving force behind a number of initiatives, including the enactment of the G.I. Bill and ongoing efforts to improve the care of our wounded warriors.

Throughout my public service, it has been a pleasure for me to work closely with national, state and local representatives of the American Legion, and I am honored to be a member of my local American Legion Auxiliary in Helena.

With a current membership of 2.5 million wartime veterans, The American Legion was founded in 1919 on the four pillars of strong national security, veterans affairs, Americanism, and youth programs. Legionnaires work for the betterment of their communities through more than 14,000 posts across the nation.

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